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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to transitional housing for specified homeless
2 veterans, and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY — TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
2 FOR ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBERS. There is appropriated from the
3 opioid settlement fund established in section 12.51 to the
4 Iowa finance authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so
6 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
7 designated:

8 To provide grants, low-interest loans, and loan guarantees
9 to veteran-led nonprofit organizations:

10 \$ 4,300,000

11 1. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
12 distributed to veteran-led nonprofit organizations provided
13 that the organization meets all of the following conditions:

14 a. The funds will be used to purchase land, construct
15 housing, or furnish housing for the purpose of providing
16 transitional housing to homeless veterans.

17 b. The veterans receiving transitional housing benefits
18 pursuant to paragraph "a" are suffering from or are at risk of
19 opioid or other substance abuse disorder, post-traumatic stress
20 disorder, or another mental illness or life disruption as the
21 Iowa finance authority, in consultation with the department
22 of health and human services and the department of veterans
23 affairs, deems appropriate.

24 c. The funds are used as a part of a wraparound health
25 and social services program provided by or through the
26 organization.

27 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
28 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
29 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
30 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
31 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill relates to transitional housing for specified

1 homeless veterans.

2 The bill appropriates \$4.3 million from the opioid
3 settlement fund to the Iowa finance authority (IFA) for FY
4 2023-2024 to provide grants, low-interest loans, and loan
5 guarantees to veteran-led nonprofit organizations (VNO).

6 The bill makes the distribution of such moneys appropriated
7 to the IFA contingent on a VNO using the funds to purchase
8 land, construct housing, or furnish housing for the purpose of
9 providing transitional housing to homeless veterans; ensuring
10 the veterans receiving such transitional housing benefits are
11 suffering from or are at risk of opioid or other substance
12 abuse disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or another
13 mental illness or life disruption as the IFA, in consultation
14 with the department of health and human services and the
15 department of veterans affairs, deems appropriate; and that
16 the funds are used as a part of a wraparound health and social
17 services program provided by or through the VNO.

18 The bill states that all moneys appropriated pursuant to the
19 bill that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
20 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
21 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
22 succeeding fiscal year.